IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 9TH APRIL, 2007 / 19TH CHAITHRA, 1929

WP(C).No. 10719 of 2007(A)

PETITIONERS:

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1. S.RAJAN, CONVENER, HEADLOAD AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION, (CITU), MANNANTHALA PRESS UNIT, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. V.AYYAPPADAS, CONVENER, HEAD LOAD WORKERS UNION (INTUC), MANNANTHALA UNIT, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.THOMAS ABRAHAM

RESPONDENTS:

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1. APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE KERALA HEAD LOAD WORKERS ACT 1978. (THE REGIONAL JOINT LABOUR COMMISSIONER, KOLLAM)

2. THE DISTRICT LABOUR OFFICER, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. SRI.C.G.RAJENDRA BABU, CONVENER, HEAD LOAD UNION INTUC, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. SRI.SHAJI CONVENER, HEAD LOAD UNION AITUC, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

5. SRI.MOHANKUMAR, HEAD LOAD UNION UTUC, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

6. SRI.BIJU, CONVENER, HEAD LOAD UNION, BMS, MANNANTHALA P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R1 & R2 BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 09/04/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

WP(C) NO. 10719 OF 2007 - A

Dated this the 9th day of April, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioners are head load workers and Conveners of the Unions of head load workers. Challenging Ext.P1 order of the District Labour Officer, the third respodnent filed an appeal before the Regional Joint Labour Commissioner as provided under the Act. Although the appeal was posted on 17.11.2006, the same has not been disposed of, instead Ext.P3 interim order has been passed. The petitioners seek a direction to the first respondent to dispose of the appeal filed by the third respondent, expeditiously.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners as also the learned Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 and 2.

3. In the nature of the order I propose to pass, I do not think it is necessary to issue notice to respondents 3 to 6. In the facts and circumstances of the case, there would be a direction to the first respondent to consider and dispose of the appeal (KHLWA No.04/06) pending before it, as expeditiously as

possible, at any rate within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment, after affording an opportunity of being heard to the petitioners as well as respondents 3 to 6.

The writ petition is disposed of with the above direction.

Sd/-

S. SIRI JAGAN,
Judge

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P.A.to Judge.

S.SIRI JAGAN, J

W.P.(C) NO. OF 2001

J U D G M E N T

DATED:13-02-2007